

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1399  
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Lewis Edward Moore, Jr., of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Lewis Edward Moore, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Moore served with acumen and alacrity for 34 years as a professor at Columbia State Community College, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a native of Davidson County, Lewis Edward Moore, Jr., was the son of the late Lewis Edward Moore, Sr., and Eunice Campbell Moore; and

WHEREAS, after graduating with a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University in 1954, Lewis Moore courageously served his country in the United States Army for two years before returning to Vanderbilt to earn a master's degree; Dr. Moore completed his education at the University of Mississippi, where he earned a doctorate in political science in 1974; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Dr. Lewis Moore accepted a position with the faculty of Columbia Military Academy; while at the Academy, he advanced to the top position in the Social Studies Department, coached in the Athletic Department, and recruited students from the Nashville area; and

WHEREAS, one of the founding fathers of Columbia State Community College, Dr. Moore became the College's first full-time faculty member in 1966; during his illustrious tenure at Columbia State, Dr. Moore served as professor of history and political science, Chairman of

the Social Science Division, Coordinator of Upper Division and Graduate Programs, and Interim Assistant Dean for Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, as Coach of the Men's Tennis Team, Dr. Moore led his 1969 team to the Tennessee Junior College Athletic Association Championship, which was the first athletic championship ever won by the College; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his stellar service as an educator at Columbia State Community College, Dr. Lewis Moore received the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1984, and he was further honored in 1996 for his contributions to the school's athletic programs when the College named its tennis complex for him; and

WHEREAS, aware of the many responsibilities good citizenship entails, Dr. Moore lent his considerable skills and talents to numerous community service organizations, including the Columbia Rotary Club, which honored him with the Paul Harris Award, ALS Central Tennessee Chapter, Frank G. Clement Foundation, Maury County Animal Shelter Association, Maury County Arts Guild, Maury County Better Schools Task Force, Maury County Democratic Party Executive Committee, Maury County Historical Society, Maury County Tennis Association, and United Way of Maury County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Moore enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Lil Lewis Moore, and was the proud father of Bonnie Rodgers, Melinda Fleming, and Lewis E. "Chip" Moore, III, all of whom survive him; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his sister, Nancy Walton, and grandchildren, Lucy Fleming, Mica Fleming, Lucas Fleming, Rebecca Rodgers, Shannon Rodgers, and Melissa Jurbergs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moore was preceded in death by his twin brother, Bobby Frank Moore; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis Moore leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, educator, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Lewis Edward Moore, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Moore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.